

## Foundation

This week, we welcomed four real-life Superheroes! Our week started with a visit from vet Nigel (Dad to Oliver in FLW), vet nurse Anne and Harry the dog. The children learned about the different jobs a vet and a vet nurse do, as well as learning about the importance of helping pets stay free and having the opportunity to help bandage Harry's leg. We also had a visit from Tom and Rob, who are paramedics. The children enjoyed looking inside an ambulance and finding out about the role of a paramedic, and the highlight had to be the chance to sit in the driver's seat!

It was the turn of the Owls and the Hedgehogs to visit the Wild Place. The children enjoyed weaving, whittling, den building and playing in the mud kitchen before they returned to class. Photographs can be viewed on the VLE.

We have been so impressed by the beautiful cursive script the children have adopted this year and to further develop their handwriting we have started formal handwriting lessons. The letter formations are grouped in a particular order to best support the children's handwriting development, with animal characters as visual reminders. The letters are introduced according to their shape for example the letters 'o,a,d, g, q, s and c' all belong to 'Georgia the Pig' family and are formed in the same way by going up and over, before coming back round to form the rest of the letter. The children will receive a handwriting book and will complete a letter formation page in school every Tuesday and Thursday. These books will then be sent home, where the remainder of the letter formation can be completed using the writing pencil we will provide, before being returned to school ready for next lesson. Please only complete the letter that has been introduced and practised at school. We will start this on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March.

The table below outlines the homework your child will receive each day. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

Monday	Reading book or Blending words
Tuesday	Handwriting book (to be returned by Thursday morning)
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Thursday	Handwriting book (to be returned by Monday morning)
Friday	Reading book and Maths based activity (as described in the weekly Foundation newsletter)

In Maths this week, we have been ordering days of the week, as well as beginning to read o'clock times on an analogue clock face. To help increase the children's familiarity with days of the week and calendars we would like you to help your child draw or photograph regular events that occur during one day. Put them in order with your child. You might like to ask them questions like:

- Can we put the activities in order?
- What do we do first?
- Which activity do we do first/next/after... /before...?
- What day comes after today?
- What day will it be tomorrow / was it yesterday?
- How many sleeps is it until you go back to school / the weekend again?
- What things would you like to do in a day? In what order and why?
- Can we start with bedtime and work backwards?

Next week, we will carry on meeting real-life Superheroes, including Dr Green (Mum to Eve FCB). We will also be raising money for Red Nose Day and so, on the 15<sup>th</sup> March, the children have been invited to bring in £1 to fundraise by buying a red-nose biscuit for snack.

Also a gentle reminder, just for next week, **all** Foundation children should arrive at school in their PE kits on Wednesday (13th March).

The Foundation Team